

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 12, and 14-20 are in this Application and are presented for reconsideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 8, 10-11, and 13, and amended claims 1, 6, 9, 12 and 14-16 to bring the combination of features from the canceled claims into the independent claims 1 and 12 and added new claims 17-20 to highlight the important features which define over the prior art of references. The new claims 17-18 are discussed in paragraph 32 and the new claims 19-20 are discussed in paragraph 17 of the specification and do not add new matter to the Application. Applicant respectfully makes assertions for overcoming the rejections of the outstanding Office Action in the following paragraphs.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 2, and 6-16 have been rejected under 35 USC§102(e) as being anticipated by the U.S. Pat. No. 6,807,464 to Yu et al. (the "Yu et al. '464" reference, hereinafter).

The Yu et al. '464 reference discloses systems and method for distributing vehicle control information.

The Yu et al. '464 reference merely mentions a rear-view mirror as one of many potential ways vehicle control data might be provided to a driver. For example, Figure 11 illustrates some ways in which vehicle control information might be provided to a driver. In particular, a dashboard 1051 includes a panel 1052 that displays vehicle control text (e.g., parking regulations). Similarly, a windshield 1053 includes a HUD graphical representation of

an intersection control signal 1054. According to other embodiments, vehicle control information is provided via a rear-view mirror 1055 or a steering wheel 1056 (e.g., the steering wheel 1056 could vibrate when the vehicle exceeds an applicable speed limit by more than fifteen percent). According to another embodiment, audible vehicle control information is provided via a speaker 1057 (e.g., via a tone or spoken message).

It is Applicant's position that the claims as now amended clearly overcomes the prior art of record. In sharp contrast to the device of the Yu '464 reference, the amended claims call out for a specific construction and arrangement neither anticipated nor suggested in the prior art cited.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 USC§103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yu et al. '464 reference, and further in view of the App. Ser. No. 2004/0080618 (the "Norris et al. '618" reference, hereinafter).

Additionally, claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yu et al. '464 reference, and further in view of the U.S. Pat. No. 6,727,807 to Trajkovic et al.(the "Trajkovic et al. '807" reference, hereinafter).

It is Applicant's position that the Yu et al. '464 reference in combination with either the Norris et al. '618 reference or the Trajkovic et al. '807 reference fail to suggest and fail to anticipate the present invention as claimed. As mentioned above, the present invention calls out for a specific construction and arrangement. None of the references anticipate or suggest the

specific contructed combination of features.

Further, there must be some suggestion or teaching in the prior art as a whole which would lead the person of ordinary skill in the art to provide the combination as claimed. As the prior art as a whole fails to direct the person of ordinary skill in the art toward the claimed combination, the invention should be considered not anticipated, non-obvious and thus patentable. Therefore, the Yu et al. '464 reference in combination with either the Norris et al. '618 reference or the Trajkovic et al. '807 reference do not anticipate and do not suggest the present invention as claimed.

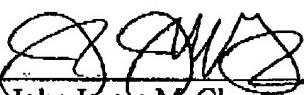
As the prior art fails to suggest the combination of features as claimed, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of this application.

It is applicant's position that all claims are now allowable. Should the Examiner determine that issues remain that have not been resolved by this response, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Favorable action is requested.

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